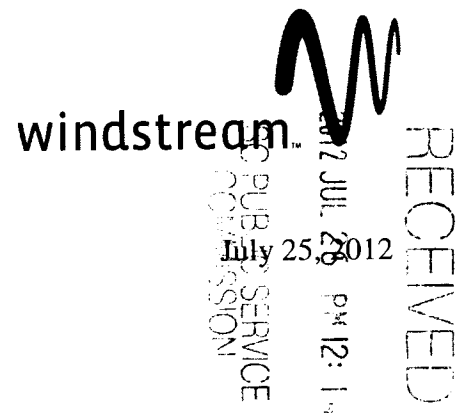


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Ms. Jocelyn D. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: *Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds pursuant to 47 CFR §54.314 and Telecommunications Act § 254(e); FCC CC Docket No. 96-45*

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This letter is to request that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”) certifying that Windstream South Carolina, LLC is in compliance with all provisions of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The amount of federal high-cost support Windstream South Carolina, LLC (“Windstream”) will receive in 2013 will be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a) and, as the attached affidavit shows, Windstream certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

The FCC’s rules requires that, in order for carriers to receive the federal support for which they are eligible, state commissions file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. If certification is not received by the FCC on or prior to October 1, 2012 federal support for universal service in the areas serviced by Windstream within South Carolina will not be eligible for support in the first quarter of 2013. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d).

Windstream respectfully requests that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavit as self-certification that Windstream is in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §54.314 and 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2012 certifying that Windstream South Carolina, LLC is in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Act and therefore eligible to receive federal high-cost support in 2013.

Sincerely,

Lezlie Young
Manager – State Reporting
(501)748-5150

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF PULASKI

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared John C. Eichler, who deposed and said:

My name is John C. Eichler. I am employed by Windstream South Carolina, LLC as Vice President and Controller. I am an officer of Windstream South Carolina, LLC (the "Company") and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

Windstream South Carolina, LLC hereby certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2013 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

John C. Eichler
John C. Eichler
Vice President & Controller

STATE OF ARKANSAS
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Acknowledged before me this 25th day of July 2012, by John C. Eichler, as Vice President and Controller of Windstream South Carolina, LLC who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

Sandra D Blade

NOTARY PUBLIC

SANDRA D BLADE

Printed Name of Notary

Personally Known ☒

Produced Identification ☐

Type of Identification Produced ☐

